

**Administration on Aging
And
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organizational Name: Kansas Department on Aging

Project Title: Kansas Aging and Disability Resource Center

Total Project Period: 9/30/2005 – 9/30/2008

Total Award Amount: \$800,000

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Project's Overall Design: The Governor of Kansas selected the Department of Aging (KDOA) to serve as the lead agency to develop an ADRC. Center pilots will be in two areas, one urban and one rural. The center will provide a variety of highly visible, easy to access services, some of which will be web-based tools (virtual site) on the official Kansas government website. Streamlining services will be inclusive of long-term care supports, as well as services for the seriously mentally ill, one of the center's target populations. The development of a highly coordinated system of services includes improving access to Medicaid and state funded program financial eligibility for individuals over 60 through an on-line screening tool and designing a cross agency referral and mental health eligibility and determination process.

Target Population:

- Year One – Persons 60 and older
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and individuals (18 – 64) who are serious mentally ill

Anticipated Outcomes:

- 20% annual increase in use of web-based system in Year 2 and 3
- Consumer satisfaction survey will indicate 80% found system useful
- 10% increase in number of service providers listing services in directory by year 2
- 20% decrease in time between applying for and receiving benefits
- 10% increase in referrals of persons over 60 to Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)
- 25% decrease in time to get screenings referred to CMHCs

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

Advisory Committee and partners: United Way of Ellis County; Association of community Mental health Centers of Kansas; COMCARE of Sedgwick County; Kansas

Commission on Disability Concerns; Topeka Faith in Action; AARP Kansas; Governor's Mental health Planning Council; Kansas State Advisory Committee on Aging; Kansas Area Agencies on Aging Association; NAMI Kansas; Catholic Charities, Inc.; North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; Interfaith Ministries; Depression and Bipolar Support alliance & Older Adult consumer Mental Health Alliance; consumers and providers.